UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA NEW ALBANY DIVISION

In re:)	Chapter 11
EASTERN LIVESTOCK CO., LLC, et al., ¹)	Case No. 10-93904-BHL-11
Debtors.)	JOINTLY ADMINISTERED

APPLICATION TO EMPLOY KEN BYRD REALTY & AUCTION, INC. <u>AS AUCTIONEER</u>

James A. Knauer, the chapter 11 trustee appointed in this case ("Trustee"), respectfully moves this Court for an order authorizing the Trustee to employ Ken Byrd Realty & Auction, Inc. ("Ken Byrd Auction") as auctioneer pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Auction Listing Contract (the "Agreement") attached as Exhibit A and Rule B-6005-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Indiana ("Rule B-6005-1"). In support of this application ("Application"), the Trustee respectfully represents the following:

- 1. Eastern Livestock Co., LLC ("<u>Debtor</u>") owns certain real estate located in Harrison County, Indiana and commonly known as 8394 Tandy Road, Lanesville, Indiana (the "<u>Real Estate</u>")
- 2. The Trustee and Peoples Bank &Trust Company of Pickett County ("Peoples") are parties to that certain Settlement Agreement dated January 27, 2012 (the "Settlement Agreement") by which, subject to Court approval, the Trustee agreed to seek authority to hire Ken Byrd Auction to conduct an auction sale of the Real Estate. This Application is filed pursuant to the terms of and in furtherance of the Settlement Agreement.

The Debtor entities are Eastern Livestock Co., LLC and Okie Farms, L.L.C.

- 3. The Trustee believes, in his business judgment that an auction sale of the Real Estate pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and the Settlement Agreement will result in the greatest recovery for Debtor's estate.
- 4. The Trustee also believes that allowing the successful bidder at the auction sale of the Real Estate to pay 10% of the winning bid at the auction, with the remaining 90% to be paid within thirty (30) days (all as provided in the Agreement), will incentivize bidding and maximize the purchase price to be realized from the sale of the Real Estate. Accordingly, the Trustee asks that, for purposes of Rule B-6005-1, the "date of sale" of the Real Estate be deemed to occur upon the earlier of i) the date that Ken Byrd Auction receives the "Gross Sales Proceeds" and ii) the date the Trustee receives his share of the "Net Sales Proceeds" (if Peoples submits the successful bid at the auction).²
- 4. Ken Byrd Auction is duly qualified to conduct an auction sale of the Real Estate.
- 5. The Trustee has been informed and believes that Ken Byrd Auction is disinterested as that term is defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101. Ken Byrd Auction neither represents nor holds any interest adverse to the interests of the bankruptcy estate with respect to the matters on which Ken Byrd Auction is to be employed.
- 6. Ken Byrd Auction is aware of the provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 328, and has agreed, notwithstanding the terms and conditions of employment set forth in this Application, that the Court may allow compensation different from the terms provided in the Application if the terms and conditions prove to have been improvident in light of developments which could not have been anticipated at the time the terms and conditions were fixed.

² "Gross Sales Proceeds" and "Net Sales Proceeds" are defined in the Settlement Agreement. *See* Dock. No. 990.

7. Because the Trustee is unable to determine the gross proceeds likely to be realized from the sale of the Real Estate, the Trustee requests that the order approving this Application waive the bond requirement contained in Rule-B-6005-1.

WHEREFORE, the Trustee respectfully requests that the Court enter an order approving the employment of Ken Byrd Auction on the terms and conditions described herein and grant the Trustee all other just and proper relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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